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Purely Personal

J. H. Janetas left this afternoon for Dallas on business.

W. L. Harris and Horace Marshall are business visitors in Colbert this afternoon.

D. Head and Alvah Walker, departed on the noon train for Texas points and will return tomorrow.

Mrs. W. H. Thompson and little daughter of Keirsey spent last Monday with Mrs. Sol. Gibson in the city.

Mrs. J. S. Butler left on the noon train for Dallas to spend several days there visiting relatives and friends.

B. M. McDaniel and family left this afternoon for Cowlington and Muskogee to spend several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Ed. Graham and wife returned to their home at Colbert this afternoon, after visiting in the city since Monday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Greenwood Thompson.

S. W. Thompson, of Nida, was in town Monday for the first time in several weeks on account of his being sick with fever for some time. He paid the News office a visit and desires to continue reading it another year.

D. F. Spears and wife were in the city Monday on business and while here called on the News office and took a look over the News office plant. Mrs. Spears said some very nice words about the News and desired that it keep coming together with the Constitution, Dallas News and American Farmer.

Lee Conrad Brown and wife of Davis, I. T., came in last afternoon and will visit Mrs. Dr. Rushing for a few days. Little Myrtle Rushing accompanied them on their return, having visited in Davis the past week.

Mr. Ben Turner, who was reported as being very low yesterday, has rallied some today and is better. Will Turner from Gainesville and Charley Turner from Grimes, O. T., his sons, are both here in attendance upon their father's bedside.

Prof. E. S. Light and wife left today for Bloomfield Academy, where the professor will again resume his duties in that institution. The government has appropriated sufficient funds to continue the tribal schools to the end of the term. Prof. Light and wife have made many friends in Durant who will be glad to see them locate here permanently.

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With dice the best throw one can make is to throw them away.

When a real estate agent begins to go downhill he loses ground rapidly.

Sulkiness is only selfishness turned sour.

Resentment bears heavy fruitage of regret.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

All Accounts Allowed Paid—Back
Talk on Overdrawn Taxes.

The city council held its first regular meeting of this month at the city hall last night with all members present. After the reading of the minutes of the last four previous meetings by the clerk the council then took up the city's monthly accounts and ordered them paid as follows:

General Expenses.....\$478.60

Street and Alley.....89.02

Water Works.....95.00

Grand Total.....\$662.62

The account of J. W. Barry for hauling of dead dogs to the city dumping grounds at 25 cents a piece was allowed paid.

The report of the city scavenger for collections during February was \$150.00; Superintendent of Water Works, \$93.05; Fines collected by Police Judge Poole, \$129.10, not collected \$44.00; Fines collected by Chief of Police Bledsoe, \$135.80; Taxes collected by Street Commissioner, \$105.

The Purchasing Committee relative to the purchase of three cells for the city jail reported that they had secured three bids for the cells as follows: Durant Marble Works \$445, Durant Machine and Iron Works \$277.50, St. Louis firm \$234. No action was taken on the report.

T. L. McInnis, of the Choctaw Oil and Gas Company, with southern headquarters at Atoka, appeared before the council in interest of his ordinance which he has before the council for a Gas and Oil Franchise. He made quite a lengthy talk explaining different phrases of the ordinance, and answering many questions propounded to him by the members. No action was taken on the ordinance.

J. H. Newman had received a proposition from a company from Oklahoma City that they would pay the city \$300.00 for the city's gray team. Motion was made and second that Newman close the trade and receipt for the money.

The Finance Committee report that they had secured the First National and Durant National to pay off their warrants, at a discount of 10 per cent.

The committee appointed to confer with Durant and Clark in regard to the expense in repairing the road to the cemetery, reported that the gentlemen were willing and ready to pay half of

the expenses.

Levi Roach appeared before the council and prayed for back taxes he had paid the city for poll tax since 1901, amounting to \$5. He claimed he was not a citizen of the United States. He admitted that he sent his children to the schools and that also his wife was an American. The council then declared he was an "intermarried citizen" and "to go his way and sin no more."

W. L. Townsend appeared before the council and desired that the city refund him about ten dollars for overdrawn taxes. Mr. Townsend declared that he had put his stock in at 100 per cent on the dollar, or invoice value and according to the way his neighbors had paid he was entitled to a rebate. After much discussion pro and con no action was taken as the council thought they would be exceeding their power to render judgment. Like account of W. T. McMinnis was presented to the council.

W. L. Townsend also stated to the council that he would give \$15 toward the expense for a general fund to have the Daily News print word for word the proceedings of the city council, as himself and other citizens desired to know of their proceedings. Discussion then followed for several minutes. Motion was made and second for adjournment, adjourning at 11:15 sine die.

A TEST

(Original.)

"Marriage is not a lottery. If a man will take the pains to apply a few tests to the girl he expects to marry he can very easily determine if she is the one of a thousand he wishes for a wife."

"Are you going to test me?"

"I may."

"How?"

He smiled. "It would be very stupid of me to put you on your guard. Forewarned, forearmed, you know."

"You might at least tell me for what faults you propose to test me," she pouted.

"Oh, there are innumerable faults in women to make a man's life miserable."

"Such as?"

"Well, there's curiosity, for instance."

"What else?"

"Jealousy. To tell the truth, I think that on these two hang the law and the prophets."

"Upon my word, you quote Scripture like the devil."

He started as if struck. Could the immaculate woman he had chosen to be his wife use such language? "You surprise me," he said coldly.

"Why don't you know the devil quotes Scripture admirably?"

"Oh!" he muttered with evident relief.

He kissed her, and they parted. He fully intended when he spoke to apply the tests for the faults he had mentioned, but men are not adepts in such matters, and they haven't the time to devote to them. Besides, he was pretty well satisfied that the girl he had chosen was superior to most weaknesses peculiar to women. The next time he saw her the subject had slipped his mind.

On her wrist was a gold bracelet, a snake making three coils about the well shaped member. Its eyes were emeralds. A tongue, at the tip of which was a ruby, protruded from its open mouth. It was certainly not a pleasant looking ornament to be worn on the arm of a fair girl. It caught his eye in a moment, giving him a slight shudder, and a vague premonition came to him that the serpent had come between them.

"What a singular bracelet!" he remarked. "I don't remember seeing it on your wrist before."

"This is because I usually put it on when I go to bed and take it off when I get up in the morning."

"That's singular. And why do you depart from your rule today?"

"Because this is the anniversary of the day it was given me. On this day once a year I wear it the whole twenty-four hours."

"That's singular," he said again, pulling his mustache wonderingly.

The girl he had chosen for her immaculate traits turned the subject. "Are you going to the Crabtree ball?" she asked.

"Perhaps—that is, if you go," he replied absently. "But this bracelet about which there is so much mystery—does it pertain to anything in your past life I would wish to know?"

"No," she replied after some moments of thought. "I should not consider it anything that you have a right to know."

His reply came after a period of thought equal to her own: "I did not speak of my rights. I merely spoke of my wish."

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"At any rate, any wish you may have in the matter cannot be gratified."

This time he was much longer in framing his reply, and it came in a changed tone. "Do you think it prudent for a man to marry a woman who must keep a lifelong secret from her husband?"

"If he has no confidence in her he would be imprudent to marry her."

He arose, shook down his trousers, buttoned up his coat, took out his gloves and put them on with unnecessary deliberation. All this was to give her time. But the bluff was without effect. Having proceeded thus far, it was impossible for him to recede.

"No man in his senses," he said, "would tie himself up for life with a woman who has a secret of her past life that she dare not impart to her husband."

"You mean that this ends our engagement?"

She was very cool about it. Indeed, her indifference troubled him. He sought a loophole through which to crawl out.

"Will you assure me that the bracelet has nothing to do with a previous love?"

"No; it is connected with the deepest love of my life."

The color faded slowly from his face. To give his hands employment and for the purpose of concealing his feelings he took out his handkerchief. His hand trembled.

"Is he dead?" he asked, grasping at a straw.

"No, thank heaven, he lives."

There was an awful silence, at the end of which he moaned:

"Will you grant me one last favor?"

"What is it?"

"A kiss."

"If it will be of any comfort to you."

He advanced, and when he reached her she sprang up and into his arms.

"What does it all mean?" he asked, astonished.

"It means that a woman may apply a test as well as a man. But if the man doesn't stand the test she needn't turn him away for a little thing like that. You have failed on both curiosity and jealousy."

"Who gave you the bracelet?"

"My father."

"And the rest of the story?"

"Oh, I made up all that."

"You little liar!" And he folded her in his arms. ARLINE PHILLIPS.

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Many great souls have been lost by little sins.

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Blessed is the sorrow that cures one of selfishness.

The religion that lacks sunshine is all moonshine.

The path to perdition is lubricated with smooth talk.

Love is the heart seeking to help.

There is nothing divine in dullness.

No man can see with eyes alone.

The best place to pray for corn is between the rows.

Better a clever enemy than a fool friend.

Adversity sometimes transforms a coward into a hero.

TIME TABLES

Missouri, Kansas and Texas

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 1. Express.....11:45 a. m.

No. 3. Express.....2:55 a. m.

No. 5. Katy Flyer.....3:14 p. m.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 2. Express.....4:25 p. m.

No. 4. Express.....2:05 a. m.

No. 6. Katy Flyer.....12:49 p. m.

No. 8.9:38 a. m.

The Frisco Railroad

EAST BOUND.

No. 42. Express.....8:56 a. m.

WEST BOUND.

No. 41. Express.....5:10 p. m.

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